

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

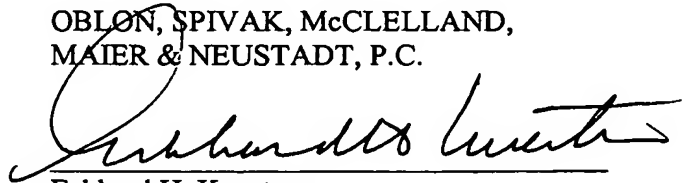
Claims 2-4 and 10-23 are presently active in this application, and Claim 1 and non-elected Claims 5-9 having been canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-9 were withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention; Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gonzalez Trotter et al. (US Patent 6,748,047) in view of Granfors et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0223539 A1); and Claims 2-4 and 10-23 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2-4 and 10-23. In light of this indication and in order to obtain an early patent issuance from the present application, Claims 1 and 5-9 have been canceled leaving only allowed Claims 2-4 and 10-23 pending. Accordingly, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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